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POLICE STATION INCIDENT

An official version of the incident at Mongkok Police Station on Tuesday night states that, shortly after 9 p.m., two Chinese dressed in civilian clothes entered a goldsmith's shop in that area and, after being handed some gold wear, one of them drew a revolver and decamped.

The other man was not able to make good his escape and was hit with a hammer in the shop. The man, in a dazed condition, was taken to the police station.

On the way, a crowd gathered and started throwing stones at the police.

A member of the Royal Air Force patrol was hit by stones and thereupon another member drew his revolver and fired four shots, one of which hit one of the crowd in the toe. Some of the crowd were also injured by stones.

No shots were fired by the civilian police.

At the station, the crowd got bigger, and the police, assisted by commandos, had a busy time trying to disperse the mob. More stones were thrown but the crowd was finally dispersed.

The injured man who claimed he was a member of the Chinese Army was taken to hospital and detained, and yesterday was handed over to the Chinese Military Authorities.

A Chinese military spokesman last night said that the man is now being held by the Chinese Gendarmerie, who are investigating the case.

EX-SERVICEMEN SWINDLED

London, May 29. Scotland Yard experts have started country-wide drives against suspected bogus company promoters, who are attempting to swindle ex-servicemen by offering directorships with salaried employment.

A check is to be made into the histories of all individuals registering new companies. Detectives recently raided the premises of suspected bogus promoters in North London.

The mass of documents taken to Scotland Yard revealed elaborate schemes to defraud ex-servicemen. There were hundreds of letters from ex-servicemen replying to advertisements offering directorships and salaried jobs in return for payment of several hundreds of pounds sterling.

A list of suspects is being compiled and a report of their activities is to be submitted to the Director of Public Prosecution.—Reuter.

Poland And Stalin

Warsaw, May 28. The Polish delegation, headed by President Beirut, which has been holding conversations with Generalissimo Josef Stalin and other Soviet leaders, returned to Warsaw by air last night.

President Beirut, addressing cheering crowds, said the Moscow talks took place in a "cordial, friendly atmosphere seldom witnessed in international relations."

"During the talks a series of problems of great importance to the nation and reconstruction of the country were taken up," he added.—Reuter.

MORE FRUIT

London, May 29. Britain's new Minister of Food, John Strachey, taking office today, promised more fruit for the English diet and pledged to tell both good and bad news frankly.

He said that 215,000 boxes of Australian and New Zealand apples were arriving here today.—Associated Press.

PREMIER'S NEW SECRETARY

London, May 28. Mr. Clement Attlee's new Parliamentary Secretary will be Mr. A. Moyle, it was officially announced today.

He succeeds Mr. Geoffrey Frobis, now Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air.—Reuter.

NO UNITED FRONT More Rebuttals Of Speech By Soviet Foreign Minister

Chill Over Paris Conferences

(By HAROLD KING)

PARIS, MAY 29. THE SPEECH BY THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER, M. MOLOTOV, CHARGING THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN WITH TRYING TO MAKE A UNITED FRONT AGAINST RUSSIA AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE HAS THROWN A CHILL OVER THE SUBSIDIARY CONFERENCE NOW TAKING PLACE IN PARIS AMONG THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FOUR POWERS.

"THE SOVIET MINISTER'S SPEECH WOULD APPEAR TO REMOVE ANY SHADOW OF DOUBT HERE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN THAT THE DEPUTIES COULD FIND AN AGREEMENT ON MAJOR ISSUES LEFT UNSOLVED BY THEIR CHIEFS," ONE DELEGATION OF FICIAL COMMENTED.

French official circles do not regard M. Molotov's speech as ruling out the possibility of agreement when the foreign ministers themselves meet again on June 17.

The French Foreign Minister, Georges Bidault, told a press representative today that the chances of the four ministers agreeing at their next meeting could not be estimated.

"New developments may occur between now and then," he added, "which will clarify the situation. However, the ministers' return to Paris, with a firm determination to arrive at an agreement on the problems left in suspense, will find a solution. The last word has not yet been said on Trieste and if the atmosphere is propitious at the next meeting, new propositions may be forthcoming and an agreement between the four powers is possible."

M. Bidault thought: "The affair of the Italian colonies is not insoluble either."

Views Closed

The May discussions had already brought the British and Soviet viewpoints closer together, he said, and if the United States were prepared to abandon their desire to fix a definite term for Italian trusteeship over Italy's former North African colonies the four ministers could re-examine the French proposal for the Italian colonies, with chances of success.

The French Foreign Minister said that France was not opposed to discussing peace with Austria separately from the German question.

"The division of Germany into two zones—eastern and western—recently proposed by the Anglo-American press, can in no case be considered a solution," stated M. Bidault, "but at best as an inevitable consequence of Europe being divided into two, after all efforts of an agreement between the victorious powers has failed."

M. Bidault said that he refused to envisage such failure.

Peace Conference

London, May 29. Regarding the calling of a peace conference, the French Foreign Minister hoped that the peace conference would be able to meet in Paris in July, as proposed by the United States Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes.

It was certainly desirable that an agreement between the four powers be reached beforehand, he thought, but at the same time, the conclusion of peace treaties could not be indefinitely postponed.—Reuter.

Byrnes' Rebuttal

Washington, May 29. The Secretary of State, James Byrnes, denied today the statement of V. M. Molotov, Russia's foreign minister.

Byrnes reviewed Molotov's contentions point by point, and answered them with his own recollections of what occurred and with direct quotations from the report of the foreign ministers conference.

Byrnes denied the existence of an Anglo-American bloc which Molotov said "was an offensive against Russia at Paris."

LONDON DOCKS STRIKE

London, May 29.

An assurance that British food supplies are not in danger as a result of the strike, which stopped work on 20 ships at London docks, was given today by an official of the Port of London Authority.

"There is no threat to food supplies. Work is still going on aboard 44 ships," he said.

The strike involves between 3,000 and 4,000 stevedores, who have stopped working because employers have not restored the pre-war method of recruiting dock workers which allowed a docker to nominate his son for admission to the dockworkers' register of workers.—Reuter.

"No Beer"

Middlesbrough, May 28. Dockers, who staged a two-hour token strike because there was no beer for sale during their luncheon hour yesterday, were back at work today.

Officials of the Transport and General Workers' Union said the men, having made their protest, were satisfied.—Reuter.

SELF-RULE FOR SCOTLAND?

Edinburgh, May 29. The small Scottish National Party voted at their annual conference for a petition to the United Nations for self-government for Scotland. They will ask the Dominions and the United States for support of the petition.—Associated Press.

USED O.R.S. TO REPAIR HOUSE

London, May 29. A letter from Field-Marshal Viscount Alexander, praising the service in both World Wars of Captain (Quartermaster) Arthur Ashton of the Irish Guards, was read at a London court-martial.

Captain Ashton has been under open arrest at the Tower of London. Charges included the theft of public property, using Army transport for private purposes and causing soldiers to do repairs to his house.

Of Captain Ashton, who pleaded guilty, Viscount Alexander wrote: "He was always extremely conscientious, honest and trustworthy and had the interests of the regiment and his job at heart."

Mr. R. P. Barry, defending, said: "These incidents were the one lapse which have caused Ashton deep humiliation. The trouble arose because he wanted to get his house in order. He had served in the Army for nearly 30 years."

The findings of the court will be announced later.—Reuter.

CHARTER OF INDIA'S FREEDOM

New York, May 29. Devas Gandhi today called the new proposals of the British Government "the charter of India's freedom," which, he said, he believed in practice would work.

Speaking at a luncheon given by the India League of America, he said that "one of the greatest heroes of the war, Mr. Churchill, is one of the greatest haters of India."

Gandhi added that he and Kunimati Goenka, India newspaper proprietor were returning to India with the conviction that "America will be the greatest friend we have in the world. If necessary America is prepared to help us in a more material way."

Goenka said the war contributed greatly to the progress of India and he asserted that India will rank as one of the greatest nations in the world in five years."

The authoress, Miss Pearl Buck, declared, "My personal conviction is that as Russia rose new out of the last war, India will rise new after this one."

She said that in America was developing the keenest interest not only in political India but in India as a people.

"As she develops we will see an India known not only to Asia but to the West," Miss Buck declared.

The two Indians are planning to fly to London on June 1st.—Associated Press.

ARMY PAPER STAFF RESIGNS EN BLOC

Manila, May 29. The entire staff of the "Daily Pacifican," the Western Pacific Army newspaper, request a transfer to other duties, charging that they have been required by superiors to "twist, omit, bury and deceptively present news," so that the "Daily Pacifican" is no longer a "free and honest paper."

"Naked Open Fascism"

London, May 29. President Truman's call for anti-strike legislation was denounced as "naked" open Fascism, by James G. Patton, President of the National Farmers Union of America in a statement issued in London yesterday.

The Farm Union leader, who is in the British capital as a delegate to the International Conference on agriculture, said:

"The fact that the Bill now before the U.S. Senate carries a proviso for the confiscation of surplus of seized plant not in any way mitigate the additional fact that the Bill, for the first time in American history, proposes to use guns to coerce free citizens to work."

"Sorrowfully, and with the deepest emotion, the National Farmers Union of America must denounce President Truman's messages and speech in the settlement of the railway strike, and the Bill he has proposed, as naked, open Fascism."

"This is a shameful hour in American history. None of us had ever thought to see the day when President of the United States would recommend imprisonment of free American citizens under threat of violence, or would see members of the House of Representatives, a body of free men, vote in glee to force their fellow citizens to work under the bayonet."

Other charges were:

(1) That censorship not extended to American news agency stories was received by the "Daily Pacifican."

(2) That stories pertaining to demobilization were "killed" regularly.

(3) That cartoonists were likewise subjected to censorship, and gags and cartoons were deleted by a Colonel because they depicted officers as "puny-looking."

Commenting on the statement, Brigadier-General E. J. McGraw, assistant chief of staff of the Allied Forces in the Western Pacific's G-3, said: "Obviously such control is necessary as the Pacifican is considered, and often quoted, as an official Army publication."

Madrid, May 29. The Spanish Foreign Ministry said on May 28 that Spain had "perfect right" to investigate atomic energy and "cannot recognize the competence" of the United Nations in matters affecting Spain.—Associated Press.

POLISH WAR DEBT TALKS

London, May 29. Negotiations on the Polish war debt settlement between Treasury officials and the Chairman of the Polish National Bank are authoritatively expected to begin next Friday.

There have been various indications that the latest British proposals for a settlement are considered satisfactory by the Polish Government, and British officials in London are optimistic that the talks may be rapidly concluded.

If this be the case, £4,000,000 of Polish credits, which would remain if £3,000,000 is used for part payment of the Polish civilian debt, as proposed by Britain, would presumably be handed over at once to the Warsaw Government, together with £6,000,000 worth of military equipment.

If the British plan is accepted, re-payment of £10,000,000 of Polish civil debt would be started in five years' time.

The Moscow Radio recently attacked Britain for failing to repay Polish assets and has linked its criticisms with the Soviet decision to grant Poland long-term credits.

The fact is that the transfer of Polish gold is only awaiting the completion of the debt settlement negotiations, which stand a chance of being concluded at the end of the week.—Reuter.

TIDAL WAVE IN PERSIAN GULF

Teheran, May 29. Gathering floods from the Euphrates and Tigris, combined with a predicted two feet tidal wave in the Persian Gulf on June 2 are threatening the giant Anglo-Iranian oil refinery at Abadan. Sections of Khorramshah, port city, are already under water. Officials said yesterday that the Abadan producing area and the oilfield were being protected by sandbags and dykes.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast:—Cloudy, with morning showers; moderate southwesterly winds.

Yesterday's weather:—Maximum:—80.9 deg. at 6 p.m. Minimum:—80 deg. at 1 a.m. Rainfall:—0.17 inches. Sunshine:—5 hours. Max. Rel. Humidity:—92% at midnight.

Jerusalem, May 29. The Arab Higher Committee, accusing the Jews of violence and smuggling arms, has asked Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner in Palestine to abolish the Jewish Agency.—Associated Press.

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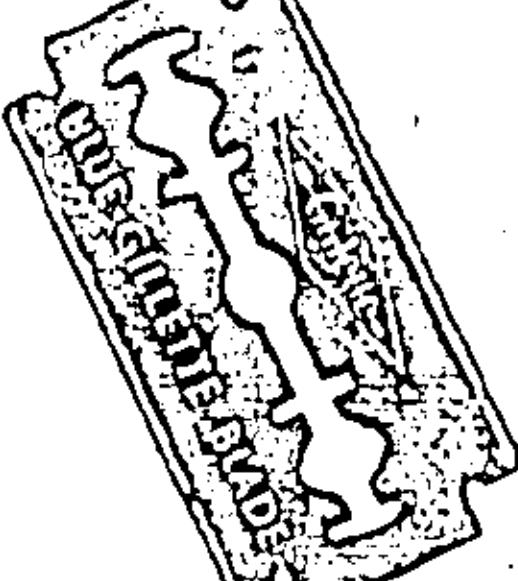
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FUTURE FORCES

A recruiting drive for the Services has become urgently necessary, as the Prime Minister said in a special message issued the other day, we are to be able to fulfil our commitments both national and international. The aim is to secure the forces required by voluntary long-term enlistments; and, though a proper basis for success has been laid by the attractive conditions recently promulgated, it will be difficult to achieve. For the Army and Navy the present rate of enlistment must be multiplied by six, and for the R.A.F. by eight. These figures show that better pay and prospects have not yet evoked more than a trickle of recruits and re-enlistments, though there may well be an improvement later when the present shine has been worn off civilian life.

No risks can, however, be taken in such a matter; and presumably none will be taken. The voluntary enlistments now required are, of course, for the regular forces, and any deficiency will be, and is being, made up by conscription. The more volunteers come forward, the shorter

the conscript service under the National Service Act will need to be. In any case enough long-service men to form substantial cadres in Services which have become so highly technical will have to be found. Efficiency must always depend on the quality of commissioned and non-commissioned officers; and if there is any

fault in the new conditions it is that relatively less has been offered to the former than to the other ranks. All must therefore wish the new effort success. It is, of course, regrettable but inevitable that the Services must compete with industry in these times of man-power scarcity for the cream of the nation. It is also rather paradoxical that a Socialist Government should find itself compelled to advocate the strongest armed forces which this country has ever had in peace-time. But no party issue is involved.

On the contrary, all responsible people must endorse and support the Government in its heavy responsibilities.

BODYLINE
OVERTONE

From Ralph Ingersoll's "Top Secret Ch. I, Page 5:

"When Rockets became a somewhat real menace the code-word was changed to Bodyline, which students of cricket will recognise as carrying an overtone of international unfairness. "Bodyline Bowling" (in American "beanball pitching") shook the British Empire when Australian stars first employed it to terrify English batters in international matches."

That, of course, was the series in which Douglas Bradman captained Australia and Don Jardine captained England.

U.S. LOAN TO
FRANCE

Washington, May 28. The French and United States representatives in Washington today signed an agreement extending credits totalling \$1,370,000,000 to France.

The Export and Import Bank approved the credit of \$650,000,000 besides which the arrangement established a credit of \$720,000,000 for the purchase of surplus United States property and for goods supplied to France since the end of the war.

A joint statement in the name of President Truman and Félix Gouin, President of the French Government, said: "Discussions are taking place for an additional credit whereby France will acquire approximately 750,000 tons of merchant shipping owned by the United States Government."

"The United States Government will continue to assist France in securing adequate supplies of coal from Germany."

REUTER.

WHAT A
LITTLE
GENTLEMAN

By NATHANIEL
GUBBINS

"Sunday Express" Humorist

When I was a little boy I was taught to raise my cap to all women, "even charwomen," as if they were people apart and not strictly entitled to the courtesy.

It did me no harm to be polite, it gave the charwoman a laugh, and, as I was taught the trick by a woman, I looked upon it as part of the plot to impress the young male mind with the idea that there was something special and holy about women.

But the plot failed. I never thought so then, and I certainly don't now.

I was also taught to precede women out of public and private vehicles, so that I should be ready to help the delicate creatures to the pavement or platform, to rise at their approach, to offer them my seat, to listen patiently to their conversation (it was always considered a hardship), to walk on the outside of the pavement, in case they fell under a hansom cab, to escort them home at any time of the day or night, and to protect them from any possible danger, either real or imaginary.

Incidentally, I was also taught never to accept gifts from strangers (or anybody if I could avoid it with courtesy), to give all money I found to the police, and never to tell a lie. Tell the truth, shame the Devil and be damned to everybody was the watchword of our little home.

Two results of the above injunctions were to offend a big-hearted baker by refusing the free gift of a sugary bun when I could have eaten a dozen, and to cause intense amusement and delight at a police station when I arrived there to surrender a shilling I had found in the gutter.

Bear was twopence a pint then, and there were exactly six policemen.

I was disillusioned, too, regarding the rule about preceding women out of vehicles to assist their exit. On one occasion I tried to help a mountain of a woman out of a bus. Thanks to my officiousness, she slipped, fell on top of me, and nearly crushed me flat. I was only ten.

But, apart from telling innumerable lies of convenience, I have kept strictly to all the other rules, especially the one about raising my cap (now hat) to charwomen.

And, thanks to a writer of a bright column in a newspaper, I know after all these years why I do it.

On this important subject she writes:

"Remember the story of the snobby little boy who, when asked by his mother why he did not raise his cap to the housekeeper as he passed her in the drive, replied, 'But, mummy, she is not lady.' To which his mother answered, 'But, dear, you do not raise your hat be-

cause she is a lady. You raise your hat because you are a gentleman.'

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AMONG THE LATEST
BOOKS

"Card Fantasies," by Edward G. Love. (Exoma Press, 15s.)

The other day in a famous theatrical restaurant not 1,000 miles from Cambridge-circus I met George Robey, who produced out of his pocket three playing cards—the queen of clubs, the nine of hearts and the six of diamonds—all fanned together. He then turned the cards face downwards and asked me to choose one. I did, and it turned out to be a photograph of a beautiful lady.

No, reader, the story is not told to show that I lunch in fashionable restaurants and move on terms of intimacy with great comedians. The story has nothing to do with egotism. It is related in support of the view that brilliant and famous people exist who are fascinated by card manipulation—which happens to bore me stiff—and can spend a considerable part of a sentient being's life learning how to achieve the Giant Fan, Split Fan, etc.

That there are people who can read with passion: "The rack is then quickly squared, or jolted, down in Waterfall Shuffle, and on re-fanning, it will be seen that the cards are alternately red and black throughout the pack."

And: "I must give another warning—do not, if it can possibly be avoided, switch the fanning pack for another of a different kind with which you are to perform card effects."

I promise Mr. Love I won't.

And let me say that as a practical guide to the expert execution of Carl Faro, Cut and Shuffles I cannot imagine a better book. End of review.

"Many A Watchful Night," by John Mason Brown. (Hamish Hamilton, 12s. 6d.)

John Mason Brown is a famous dramatic critic whose acquaintance I made in New York. I know many fascinating stories about J. M. B., but shall refrain from telling them since they all relate to the mid-war days, and would throw no light upon the book which he has written in his capacity as a famous and popular sailor.

"Many A Watchful Night" begins on board the American battleship Augusta. It is the eve of D Day and the story opens:

We were watching the skies with an interest unknown to men reared in peaceful cities, where weather is a weekend worry. We were watching the grey skies, and the grey choppy, rain-speckled waves about raising my cap (now hat) to charwomen.

And then the narrator interrupted himself:

No. This is wrong. This past tense is a lie. Battles are not faced or fought in the past tense. Men going into battle don't only one tense—the present. A suspenseful present it

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RED FLAG IN PARLIAMENT

House Passes Steel Industry Nationalisation

Surprise Arrests In Madrid

Madrid, May 28: Thirty-eight Spanish Republicans and seven Socialists have been arrested during the past few days, it was learned today. Their arrests have caused surprise in Madrid. Most of the Republicans belong to actions opposed to the Spanish Republican Cabinet-in-Exile headed by Dr. Jose Giralt.

Senior Seville, one of them, is a veteran member of the Republican Government and is known for his moderate views.

Another prominent Leftist escaped in time.

The arrested men were transferred from police headquarters to Madrid provincial prison today.

Meanwhile, Spain has sent a note to Allied diplomats here in Madrid indicating that she would receive with indifference any decision by the U.N.O. subcommittee considering the Franco regime.

This was stated today by the spokesman of the Spanish Foreign Office. Reuter.

BORMANN SURPRISE

Nuremberg, May 29. The mystery of Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy and the missing man of the 21 leading Nazis accused of war crimes, took a surprise turn today when his counsel announced that the woman who was with him to the very end would give evidence.

Bormann is being tried in his absence, though it is widely believed by the Allied authorities that he died in a last-minute bid to break out of the Red Army ring round the Berlin Chancellery when a shell struck the tank near which he was crouching.

Bormann's counsel said today that Fraulein Else Kruger of Hamburg "can testify that in all probability Bormann fell on May 1, 1945, or that if he did not die from his wounds he must have fallen into the hands of the Soviet occupation authorities." Reuter.

CHURCHILL CONDEMN

London, May 29.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in a message wishing success to Lieutenant C. H. Mullan, official Unionist candidate in County Down (Northern Ireland) by-election for a seat at Westminster, says: "A year ago, our world wide empire of self-governing nations stood at the pinnacle of its fame and prestige among the peoples of the world. In the months that have elapsed since the reign of government passed into the hands of the Socialist Party, our position and our influence upon world affairs have grievously declined."

"This government of timid yet dangerous zealots, not content with making wild experiments with the future of British industry, has now begun to liquidate our interests and our prestige all over the world. Only by watchful, persistent and unflinching opposition can the worst excesses of this minority socialist government be checked or abated. Ulster has never failed to keep the flag flying." Reuter.

EQUIPPING FRENCH ARMY

London, May 28. Mr. Hector McNeil, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in reply to a question in the House of Commons today that the British Government had supplied considerable equipment for the rearmament of the French metropolitan forces.

Negotiations were now in progress with the French Government with a view to the sale on favourable terms of further quantities of equipment.

The British Government had also equipped, on repayment, one full French division and a number of formations for the Far East. Reuter.

LINER'S CREW AT PALACE

London, May 28. The crew of the Danish liner, "Frédéric of Denmark," lunched today at Buckingham Palace.

It was an informal party, and the Queen and the two Princesses were also present. Reuter.

Mr. Morrison Issues Warning

LONDON, MAY 29. BY 338 VOTES TO 184 THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT PASSED A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO TRANSFER AN "APPROPRIATE SECTION" OF THE BRITISH IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

WINDING UP THE DEBATE, MR. HERBERT MORRISON, LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, SAID: "WE SHALL GO ON WITH THE SCHEME WHETHER THERE IS OPPOSITION OR NOT, BUT BOTH THE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE A BETTER JOB OF IT IF THERE IS A GOOD SENSE OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION ON BOTH SIDES."

The Government, Mr. Morrison said, believed it would be easier and more decisive to get the physical changes necessary in the industry under public ownership than the cartel, plus state control.

Replying to a question by Mr. R. A. Hudson (Conservative) as to whether the so-called undertaking would have any relationships with the cartel organisations overseas, Mr. Morrison declared that this would be a public concern and it would be its duty to do what was right in the public interests. The same answer was made to the question whether exports were to be subsidised.

Earlier in the debate, Mr. Hudson had said that in the British Iron and Steel Federation's plan for reorganisation of the industry was accepted by the Government, it would have had authority over the location of the industry, priorities, distribution and prices, as well as exports. What more possible control could anyone want, he added.

The result of today's vote was greeted with Government cheers and Labour Members sang the "Red Flag."

Best Example

Commander A. Duncan, (Conservative) and member of the Iron and Steel Federation, declared that if the Government would consult the industry they would satisfy themselves beyond any doubt that a system of control could be established to safeguard every public interest that wanted to be safeguarded. He said that the iron and steel industry was one of the best examples of public spirit in the industry. There had been no labour conflicts for over 40 years.

No major challenge had been made to the plans of the Iron and Steel Industry. The industry did not need money from the Government. Its own plans could be carried out 100 per cent by firms who subscribed to it and the suggestion, therefore, that there was no unity in the Federation did not apply.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that the open market rate of interest would be given to all public borrowing of the nationalised section of the steel industry and something only fractionally above that to any approved scheme in the private sector.

Mr. Dalton said that a large number of tin-plate mills in South Wales were a disgrace to their owners, and the Government would not buy this "old junk" for the State. Reuter.

ANOTHER DEADLOCK

Berlin, May 29. The Allied control authority's coordinating committee were yesterday deadlocked on an American proposal to send a four-power commission into each of the four occupation zones to investigate the process of German disarmament.

It was not disclosed which power had blocked the investigation proposed by the American member, Lieut. Gen. Lucius D. Clay.

A spokesman said the committee would issue a communiqué after its next meeting and then reveal the stand taken by each power. Associated Press.

MUSO'S BODY FLOWN OUT

Rome, May 29. A dispatch to the Rome newspaper "Espresso" suggested today that a large air transport plane stolen from the Forlanini airport near Milan on May 27 might have carried away Benito Mussolini's body, possibly to Spain.

Five men in flying suits, arriving 30 minutes before the regular crew, calmly warmed up the three-engined craft and took off.

Mussolini's body was stolen from an unmarked grave in a Milan cemetery on April 22 and has not since been traced. Associated Press.

MacArthur Asks For Advice

TOKYO, MAY 29. THE FOUR-POWER ALLIED COUNCIL FOR JAPAN WILL BE ASKED OFFICIALLY TOMORROW FOR THE FIRST TIME BY GENERAL MACARTHUR FOR COMMENT ON OCCUPATION PROBLEMS.

Heretofore all the Allied delegates have been interrogators, querying SCAP's representative on various phases of the occupation.

Tomorrow, council members will be asked for their views on the disposition of Japanese government property, rural land reform and resumption of relations between Japanese labour organisations and those in other countries.

MacArthur's request for comment is occasioning much speculation which seems to boil down to the question:

Is SCAP prepared to assign a greater share of importance to the Council as he proceeds with direction of the occupation?

Under the terms of the Moscow communiqué establishing the allied council, SCAP will consult with the group before issuing orders on "matters of substance" if the situation permits.

Tomorrow's agenda entries could well be classified "matters of substance" land reform and labour being two of the most debated topics in Japan. Associated Press.

Secret Arab Conclave

LONDON, MAY 28.

THE RULERS AND PRESIDENTS OF SEVEN ARAB STATES MET IN A SECRET CONCLAVE AT THE COUNTRY ESTATE OF KING FAROUK OF EGYPT, 30 MILES TO THE EAST OF CAIRO.

They talked for 2½ hours. A personality in close touch with the Palace today said that the atmosphere has been friendly and cordial. Nothing was disclosed about the actual political discussions which took place.

Meanwhile, the British military authorities, it is believed, have issued instructions for the evacuation of Egyptian towns by July, according to a despatch from Cairo tonight.

Certain units of the Royal Navy at Alexandria are on the point of leaving for Malta and Cyprus. Reuter.

Silence On The Morrison Case

WASHINGTON, MAY 29.

PENDING THE EXPECTED STATEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF FOOD FOR INDIA AND GERMANY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TOMORROW FROM THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, MR. HERBERT MORRISON, THE BRITISH EMBASSY AND STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE MAINTAINED OFFICIAL AND APPARENTLY AGREED SILENCE ON THE "MORRISON CASE" IN WASHINGTON TODAY.

IT WAS CONFIRMED AUTHORITATIVELY, HOWEVER, THAT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY "CLARIFICATION" ON THE REMARKS OF MICHAEL MACDERMOTT, WHITE HOUSE SECRETARY, AND THE AMERICAN POSITION OF FEEDING THE BRITISH ZONE IN GERMANY AND INDIA, WAS REACHED IN CONVERSATIONS YESTERDAY BETWEEN THE BRITISH MINISTER IN WASHINGTON, MR. ROGER MAKINS, AND THE UNITED STATES ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. WILLIAM CLAYTON.

It was also learned that the State Department has privately conceded that the statement by MacDermott, who is a special public relations assistant to the Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, was based on an incomplete and possibly garbled version of Mr. Morrison's remarks. There was no intention, however, of formally withdrawing MacDermott's assertion that the United States Government has assumed no specific commitments on the feeding of the two vital areas concerned, it was further learned.

That the United States has made no definite commitments is partially confirmed by the statement from the British food mission that the wheat allocations for June have not yet been fixed by the Combined Food Board.

In the case of the British zone, it is learned that a request will be made for sufficient supplies to maintain a 1,000 calorie daily level as well as to replenish the area's stocks which are dangerously low.

June Availability

In the case of India, the June allocation is not expected to reach the 500,000 tons asked for but it will be more than 264,000 tons, which was India's original May allocation.

Not all surplus countries have reported their June "availability" yet but definitely word is expected by the end of the week.

The June allocations will be made by the old Combined Food Board and not by the now twenty nation International Emergency Food Council, just created by the Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Much of the June allocations, it is considered, will have to come out of American supplies.

Transport

Officials of the Department of Agriculture said that they were preparing a report showing

REFUGEES TO POLICE GERMANY

SHANGHAI, MAY 29.

SIXTEEN LUCKY JEWISH REFUGEES, PICKED FROM THOUSANDS OF APPLICANTS IN CHINA, ARE EAGERLY AWAITING THE PLANE WHICH WILL TAKE THEM BACK TO GERMANY TO SERVE ON ALLIED POLICE FORCES IN THE OCCUPATION ZONE.

NOTICES IN LOCAL PAPERS THAT ALLIED HEADQUARTERS WERE SEEKING JEWISH RECRUITS FROM SHANGHAI FOR POLICE JOBS, BROUGHT A FLOOD OF APPLICATIONS FROM ALL OVER CHINA.

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE-GENERAL HAD THE TASK OF SORTING THE GRAINS FROM THE CHAFF. DUE TO REFUGEE ANXIETY AND UNCERTAINTY OVER FUTURE CHINESE POLICY TOWARDS THEM, THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS STATED THAT IT WILL REAPPRAISE ALL BUT A FEW GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN JEWS.

THOUSANDS, QUALIFIED AND UNQUALIFIED, SOUGHT POSITIONS.

THEY CALCULATED THAT SINCE THEY MAY BE REAPPRAISED ANYHOW, THEY MAY AS WELL GO TO GOOD JOBS. THE ATTRACTIVE SALARIES (UP TO £200 A MONTH), DOUBLE RATIONS, AND OTHER FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, WERE AN ADDED INCENTIVE.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS WERE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN POLICE WORK AND A SOUND POLITICAL BACKGROUND. MANY JEWS JOINED THE FORMER INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE OF SHANGHAI ON ARRIVING HERE FROM EUROPE BEFORE THE WAR, AND THIS OBTAINED WIDE EXPERIENCE OF COSMOPOLITAN POLICE PROBLEMS. Reuter.

TWO WORLD ECONOMIC BLOCS?

WASHINGTON, MAY 29.

MR. MCCHESNEY MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT EXPORT AND IMPORT BANK, DECLARED TODAY THAT IT IS ENTIRELY UP TO RUSSIA WHETHER TWO WORLD ECONOMIC BLOCS DEVELOP IN CONTENDING FOR TRADE.

MARTIN TOLD THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BANKING COMMITTEE NOW HOLDING HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED BRITISH LOAN, "I DO NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THE IDEA OF TWO WORLD ECONOMIC BLOCS. THERE WILL BE NO ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE RUSSIA FROM WORLD TRADE. IT IS ENTIRELY UP TO RUSSIA."

MR. FRED VINSON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT HE THOUGHT THE LOAN WOULD MEAN, FOR A WHILE, TWO WORLD BLOCS, OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA ON THE ONE HAND, AND RUSSIA ON THE OTHER.

ON THE LOAN ITSELF, MR. MARTIN SAID: "IT WOULD BE A VERY SERIOUS SET-BACK TO WORLD PEACE IF THIS LOAN IS NOT MADE." HE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE LOAN WOULD TEND TO RETARD SOCIALIZATION OF INDUSTRY IN BRITAIN. Associated Press.

TELEGRAM CHARGES REDUCED JUNE 1st.

CABLE & WIRELESS, LTD., HAS PLEASURE OF ANNOUNCING THE FOLLOWING REDUCED TELEGRAM CHARGES WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT AS FROM SATURDAY, JUNE 1st.

TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ALASKA, PUERTO RICO, ST. CROIX, ST. THOMAS, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, GUAM AND MIDWAY, THE NEW RATES ARE

ORDINARY HK\$1.20

CODE80

DEFERRED60

TELEGRAM20

NLT. MINIMUM OF 25 WORDS, \$10.00

Each extra word40

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED WILL BE HELD AT THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY, KING'S THEATRE BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, VICTORIA IN THE COLONY OF HONG KONG, ON WEDNESDAY THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE 1946 AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON WHEN THE SUBJOINED RESOLUTION WILL BE PROPOSED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

THAT ARTICLE 71 OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION BE ALTERED BY SUBSTITUTING THE FIGURES "\$1,200.00 TO \$2,400.00" FOR THE FIGURES "\$600.00 TO \$1,200.00."

DATED THE 18TH DAY OF MAY 1946.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,
SECRETARY.

STANDARD-VACUUM OIL COMPANY

IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE AGAIN, FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC, ITS OFFICES ARE NOW LOCATED IN THE HONG KONG BANK BUILDING:

2ND FLOOR: HONG KONG DISTRICT OFFICE, SOUTH CHINA TERRITORY ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

6TH FLOOR: SOUTH CHINA TERRITORY OFFICES OF MANAGER, OPERATIONS & MARKETING DEPARTMENTS.

TELEPHONE NOS. 30203, 30204 & 30205.

SERVICE AUCTION ROOMS

AUCTIONEERS, SURVEYORS, ETC., RUE MONT, FRENCH BANK BLDG., A.E.B. DE SOUSA, AUCTIONEER, TELEPHONE 31867.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CUSTODIAN OF PROPERTY TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION

ON THURSDAY, THE 30TH MAY, 1946, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M., AT THE PREMISES OF

THE KIN LEE GODOWN, THE PRAYA, KENNEDY TOWN,

35 LOTS OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS, comprising:

PAPER, ZINC OXIDE, OIL, DIESEL OIL, LUBRICATING OIL, ALUMINIUM WATER BOTTLES, CANDLES, PAINT, MATCHES, FERTILIZER, ETC., ETC.

THE ABOVE PREMISES WILL BE OPEN TO INSPECTION ON 2

DEFENCE: "PERSECUTION, NOT PROSECUTION"

A. PROBATIONARY SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE, WONG WING-TIM (ALIAS THOMAS TIM WONG) FORMER AGENT OF THE BRITISH ARMY AID GROUP, WHO HAD GIVEN EVIDENCE AT THE TRIAL OF LAI KIT FOR HIGH TREASON IN THE SUPREME COURT THE DAY BEFORE, WAS RE-ARRESTED AT KOWLOON COURT YESTERDAY A FEW MINUTES AFTER BEING DISCHARGED BY THE MAGISTRATE ON A CHARGE OF MISCONDUCT AS A POLICE OFFICER.

He APPEARED AGAIN BEFORE MR. W. H. LATIMER A FEW MINUTES LATER WHEN MR. M. A. DA SILVA, WHO HAD DEFENDED HIM IN THE CASE JUST CONCLUDED AND WHICH HAD OCCUPIED THE WHOLE OF THE DAY'S SITTING, ASKED FOR BAIL IN A NOMINAL SUM. SUBMITTING THAT THE FACTS OF THE CASE HAD BEEN KNOWN TO THE CROWN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, MR. DA SILVA ASKED WHY THE CROWN, HAVING FAILED IN TWO CASES AGAINST THOMAS WONG, HAD BROUGHT HIM UP ON A THIRD CHARGE. MR. DA SILVA SUBMITTED THAT THE CROWN WAS PERSECUTING RATHER THAN PROSECUTING WONG.

In dismissing Wong on the charge of misconduct in that he had, with others who were not police officers, conducted an investigation and had represented himself as an officer of the Special Branch, Mr. Latimer remarked that the Court could not appreciate how a man who was not a police officer could be charged with conduct unbecoming to a police officer.

Mr. Latimer said also that there was no doubt in his mind that the record of the defendant throughout the war had been a good one, and if further evidence were needed to support this, he could easily say why Wong should have been called by the Crown in their behalf in a criminal case in the High Court.

Mr. Latimer submitted that bail on the new charge would be allowed at \$50. Thomas Wong had a Damoclean sword hanging over his head for many months. This is persecution, Sir, not prosecution. He was on bail of \$500, extorted by two apparently innumerable sub-accused to his very last, both of which have now been successfully avenged, he having at that period made no attempt to escape from the Colony.

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Replying, Mr. Smith said: "There is no question of persecution. It is the duty of the Crown or of the police to bring before the Court persons committing offences. An investigating officer would be failing in his duty if, having evidence to hand, he would fail to bring a charge. The Crown is accustomed to being attacked for doing its duty."

Mr. Smith then asked for bail of more than \$500. Mr. Latimer pointed out that the maximum penalty on the charge should be conviction by a Police Court was a fine of \$500 or six months' imprisonment. The maximum penalty on indictment at Sessions would be five years.

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NOT GUILTY

Found not guilty by a unanimous verdict of the Jury, Kwok Yin-wau was acquitted by Justice T. J. Gould at the Criminal Sessions yesterday of a charge of armed robbery.

Leung Wai, alias Leung Gacung, was sentenced to three years' hard labour for receiving stolen property. A charge alleging that he commanded Kwok Yin-wau to commit the robbery was dismissed by the Judge upon the returning of a verdict of not guilty by the Jury.

The Jury was composed of Messrs. G. Travassos (Foreman), V. B. Cherkoff, E. Foulard, C. B. Marcal, Li Kan, C. M. de P. Xavier and A. Sadle. Mr. E. Sainsbury, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. Mr. C. Y. Kwan appeared for Kwok and Mr. Peter Sin for Leung.

WEDDING

Da Motta-Zimmerman

Miss Catherine Margaret Zimmerman became the bride of Mr. Victor Joso da Motta at a pretty ceremony at Rosary Church, Kowloon, yesterday. Father H. de Angelis officiated.

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Uncle Tried To Take His Place In Prison

B.A.T. EMPLOYEE SOUND OVER

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Accused said he had been with the B.A.T. for 20 years and he pleaded that the illness of his wife had forced him to steal. He was only earning \$2.80 a day.

H.K. LABOUR SITUATION

Draft rules and constitution of a joint labour union committee were considered at a meeting of representatives of ten labour unions held at the Chinese Engineers Institute on Tuesday evening.

No definite decision was arrived at, as the representatives had to report back to their respective unions, but an agreement in principle was reached.

Yesterday morning representatives of the ten labour unions called on the Labour Officer and explained to him the objects of the proposed new organisation.

Their views on the present strike at the Hong Kong Electric Company's power plant were also given, and they urged the Labour Officer to do his utmost to bring about an early settlement.

There was no meeting between

representatives of the strikers and the Hong Kong Electric Co. yesterday, but it is understood they are to meet today to re-open negotiations for a settlement of the charge.

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Better Transmitters For Station ZBW

THE COLONY'S ORIGINAL BROADCASTING TRANSMITTERS WERE DESTROYED BY THE JAPANESE BUT IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE REOCCUPATION EUROPEAN AND CHINESE PROGRAMMES WERE KEPT GOING ON SMALL TRANSMITTERS OF LOW POWER AND INFERIOR QUALITY.

IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS, NEW TRANSMITTERS HAD BEEN ORDERED IN ENGLAND. THEY HAVE NOW BEEN INSTALLED BY THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, AND, HAVING PASSED THROUGH THEIR TESTS, ARE BEING PUT INTO REGULAR SERVICE FOR THE COLONY'S PROGRAMMES AS FROM THIS EVENING.

WARNING TO MOTORISTS

Since the reoccupation many of the Traffic Regulations restricting the use of motor vehicles have been in abeyance, mainly because of shortage of Police personnel to enforce them.

The number of vehicles on the road has been comparatively small and non-compliance with the Regulations has not done much harm or caused much inconvenience and obstruction.

The time has come however for the Police to enforce some of these regulations.

Many roads are closed to motor traffic e.g. Kennedy Road east of the Mazeynes, Wyndham Street, from the Dairy Farm to Queen's Road, Battery Path and Old Bailey, Ice House Street between Des Voeux Road and Queen's Road is closed to traffic between 8.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Parking is prohibited in parts of certain roads and serious obstruction is caused by cars parking in places such as Des Voeux Road between Ice House Street and Pedder Street. Parking in this area is permitted in centre of Pedder Street, Chater Road between Des Voeux and Queen's Roads, Chater Road between Ice House and Pedder Streets and Connaught Road between Pedder and Pottinger Streets as limited to two hour periods during the day and to owner driven cars not exceeding 15 ft. in length.

PIGS SOLD

Wong Hoi, charged with keeping swine on the balcony of No. 154 Island Road without a licence from the Urban Council, was fined \$50 by Mr. George She yesterday.

The pigs were ordered to be castrated and sold—the proceeds of sale to go to the Poor Box.

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Giant Carriers "Cancelled"

London, May 29. The Admiralty has reported the cancellation or suspension of orders for three 30,000-ton aircraft carriers, which, a spokesman said, will not be needed now that the war is over. He said: "The action was decided upon several months ago. The three projected ships to be named 'Gibraltar,' 'Malta' and 'Africa' would have cost at least U.S.\$20,000,000 each."

Informed sources said that improved types of fleet aircraft carriers were still being considered, in addition to the new big Ark Royal class.—Associated Press.

MONEY MART

After having touched \$490 per tael the previous day, gold weakened again yesterday and fell back to \$486 at the close of the market.

Chinese national currency was quiet and at the close rates were the same as those of the previous day, viz., \$2.31 for futures and \$2.46 for spot (per C.N.S. \$1,000).

U.S. dollars appreciated to \$5.29, while Sterling and Australian pounds, on the other hand, depreciated to \$17.60 and \$13.50 respectively.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 29. Opening quotations on the Shanghai market today were:—

	Buying	Selling	C.N.S.	C.N.S.
Gold per ounce	178,000	178,500		
U.S. Dollars	2,325	2,335		
Hong Kong Dollars	407	412		
Closing quotations were:—				
Gold per ounce	177,500	173,500		
U.S. Dollars*	2,310	2,330		
Hong Kong Dollars	405	415		
Unofficial market,				
...Associated Press.				

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mrs. Ho Sing Chau and sons Messrs. Ho Shun Hing, Ho Yum Hing and Ho Yun Ning wish to sincerely thank all relatives and friends for their generous floral tributes, expressions of condolence and kind presence at the funeral of her beloved husband and their father, Mr. Ho Sing Chau.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE Outward Mails

THURSDAY, 30th MAY
Wuchow (Kwong-sai Province)
(Men Hing) 9.00 a.m.
Kongmoon (Luen Hop I) 9.00 a.m.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong-Sai) 11.00 a.m.
U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco (Berry) (Victory) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Canada via Vancouver, B.C. (Empire Gondleet) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.

Saigon, Bangkok, Ceylon, India East and South Africa and Aden (Mongolia) 3.00 p.m.
Kongmoon (Nam Fung I) 3.00 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 31st MAY
Bangkok (Hiram) 9.30 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy (Fengtien) 9.30 a.m.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong-Sai) 10.00 a.m.
Fook Cheung (Foshing) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Yochow) noon.

Siagon (Helion) 2 p.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.15 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

Shanghai (Glengle) 3.00 p.m.
Haiphong (Empire Park) 3.00 p.m.

Kongmoon (Kwok Hing) 3.00 p.m.

U.S.A., Central and South America via Seattle (Mount Greylock) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 3.00 p.m.

Swabia (Mary) 4.00 p.m.
Canton (Sai On) 4.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 1st JUNE
Kwong-chow-wan (Aug Fee) 10.00 a.m.

Straits, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool (Glenapp) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Australia via Sydney (Kaipak) 10.00 a.m.
Manila, P.I. (Louise) Lykes) 10.00 a.m.

Shanghai (King Hanlon VII) 10.00 a.m.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong-Sai) 11.00 a.m.
Haliphong (Promise) 1.00 p.m.

Shanghai (Tsinan) 1.00 p.m.
Straits (Van Heutz) 1.00 p.m.
Iloilo and Cebu, P.I. (Arcadia) 1.00 p.m.

Formosa (Tai Shing) 5.00 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 2nd JUNE
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong-Sai) 10.00 a.m.
Canton (By Train) 10.00 a.m.

MONDAY, 3rd JUNE
Shanghai (Mount Rogers) 10.00 a.m.

Hoihov (San Hing Chung) 10.00 a.m.

Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

Woman Stripped, Tied To A Ladder

EVIDENCE AS TO HOW LAI KIT (CHARGED WITH 12 OVERT ACTS OF HIGH TREASON) HELPED TWO JAPANESE TO APPLY THE WATER TORTURE TO HER WAS GIVEN BY MISS MUI SIU-HING, A SUB-AGENT OF THE B.A.G., AT THE RESUMED HEARING BEFORE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE, MR. JUSTICE E. H. WILLIAMS, AT THE SUPREME COURT YESTERDAY.

SHE TOLD THE COURT THAT AFTER HER ARREST IN JUNE 18, 1945, SHE WAS TAKEN TO A HOUSE IN KIMBERLEY ROAD, WHERE SHE WAS ASKED TO PRODUCE THE B.A.G. CERTIFICATE OF HER COUSIN, WONG WING-TIM. AS SHE COULD NOT PRODUCE THIS, SHE WAS TAKEN INTO A ROOM WHERE SHE WAS TIED TO A LADDER AFTER BEING STRIPPED OF HER CLOTHING.

Accused stood on her right side and covered her face with a towel. The two Japanese poured water on her.

On another occasion she was questioned by accused alone. He threatened to give her the water torture again, pointing to a bucket of water in the room, if she still refused to produce the certificate.

On July 1 she was transferred to Stanley, where she was subjected to the water torture again.

She could not stand this any longer and confessed that she had given information to her cousin regarding the number of puppet Nanking banknotes (C.R.B.) printed by the Chung Hwa Book Company as well as giving him information on shipping activities in the Kowloon Dockyard.

In December 1944, she was brought before a Japanese military court and sentenced to three years' imprisonment as a spy. After the war, she went to Stanley and identified the accused.

Detective Inspector Wong Lau said that after the Japanese occupation he was forced to act as a detective in the Japanese Gendarmerie for about 10 months, after which he succeeded in resigning from the post on the grounds of "illness and advanced age."

After staying in Hong Kong for two and a half years during the Japanese occupation, he managed to leave the Colony with the permission of the Japanese authorities.

Easy To Get Out

William Lee, clerk in the Naval Dockyard, said that he was a B.A.G. agent who travelled between Hong Kong and Waichow. He did not encounter any difficulty leaving the Colony, though he did encounter some hardships getting into Hong Kong.

The Japanese did not take any precautions against persons leaving Hong Kong, and anybody could quit the Colony if he really determined to do so.

Capt. Chan, of the War Crimes Investigation Team, said that he was a B.A.G. agent during the war. Witness identified two charts as his work. One related to the Japanese police and gendarmerie organising system and the members of their staff between December, 1941 and January, 1945. The other related to the similar period between February and August, 1945—i.e. upon the reorganisation of the Japanese Gendarmerie and Police in Hong Kong in February, 1945.

Major Hirao Yoshio, former Commanding Officer of the Kowloon Japanese Gendarmerie, said that there was a special branch in the Gendarmerie devoted to political cases. Members of this branch did not do the same work; some were detailed for counter-espionage work while others were assigned to drive away guerrillas.

Witness said that he knew a

Know Lai Kit

man by the name of Lai Kit. Before the British authorities looked into the case of Lai Kit, he had neither met nor talked with him.

The case was adjourned to 10 a.m. today.

MANCHURIA TRUCE TALKS

Nanking, May 29. A delegation of the Democratic League arrived from Shanghai yesterday to open talks with the Government and the Communists over the expected Manchuria truce.

Doctor Carson Chang, the League leader, told the Associated Press upon his arrival that "we are very hopeful of a peaceful settlement." He added that the all-party unity truce would be resumed as soon as the Manchurian trouble is out of the way. He described the Manchurian fighting "as a shambles on the Chinese people made worse by the exaltation of famine."

Meanwhile, Shao U-tze,

Liberal Kuomintang member,

told the Associated Press he

was convinced that peace would

be restored soon in Manchuria

through a truce between the

Communists and the Government.—Associated Press.

STORY BEHIND SIAM "WAR"

Singapore, May 29.

Neither Saigon nor Bangkok has hinted at what motivated the alleged French violations of Siam's Mekong River frontier but sources familiar with the political situation say there are two possible explanations:

(1) The French authorities in Indo-China who have been long disturbed over the Siamese failure to return the Cambodian and Laos territories ceded in 1941 under Japanese pressure are now giving military warning that Siam must speed up settlement or face consequences;

(2) The French military crossed the border in an effort finally to crush a Laos revolutionary movement. It was known that Laos rebels had been taking refuge in Siam when threatened and returning to Laos as French operations slackened. Reliable sources said that the second possibility is most likely correct.

The Laos movement is headed by Prince Phetsarath who seized control after the Japanese surrender. He aware to prevent the return of French control of Laos territory which before the war was a French protectorate paralleling Siam's eastern border for 700 miles.—Associated Press.

Co. Meeting

China Entertainment & Land Investment

A dividend of \$1 per share was declared at the 12th annual general meeting of shareholders of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co. Ltd. (owners of King's Theatre and King's Theatre Building) held yesterday at the Company's registered office.

Sir Shouson Chow, Chairman of Directors, who presided, explained that the working for the 3½-month period since the re-occupation (15.9.45 to 31.12.45) yielded a net profit of \$88,918.34. Net profit for 1944 was \$15,591.61. Accounts for the period of the Japanese occupation (1.1.42 to 14.9.45) were kept in Military Yen, and a summary thereof was submitted to shareholders. The balance in Military Yen was converted into Hong Kong notes.

After extending a welcome to the shareholders present, the Chairman said that it was not possible to hold any meeting during the past five years owing to the Japanese occupation. He paid tribute to the hard work of his fellow Directors and the staff who, he said, carried on under difficult difficulties through a period when they were often harassed by the Japanese authorities; and it was in no small measure to their tact and courage that the Company's interests had not suffered beyond what was unavoidable.

Reference was made by Sir Shouson Chow to the Allied bombing of Hong Kong on January 10, 1945, when a bomb falling on Shell House demolished two floors. It was a close shave for King's Theatre Building, he said, which got off with only slight damage to its theatre equipment.

Supporting Sir Shouson Chow in the chair were Dr. S. W. Ts'a and Messrs. Liang Chih-hao, Choy Wai-hung, Lee Lin-chi, Chang Kwei-ting, Chang Kwei-cheen, Chang Kwei-ting and Chang Kwei-yuen (Directors) and Mr. George S. K. Sun, Director and Secretary. Mr. Chang Kwei-yuen who, by rotation, were re-elected to the Board.

Messrs. Percy Smith & Co. were re-appointed auditors of the Company.

CANTON, MAY 29.

ACCORDING TO A LIUCHOW REPORT REACHING HERE, KWANGSI IS FULL OF STARVING PEOPLE WHO EAT ROOTS AND BARK, WHILE ONLY THE VERY RICH CAN AFFORD TO EAT TWO MEALS OF RICE BROTH EACH DAY.

RICE PRICES IN KWANGSI ROSE TO ABOUT \$70,000 PER PICUL RECENTLY, WHICH IS CONSIDERED EXTRREMELY HIGH IN THE FAMOUS RICE PRODUCING PROVINCE. THE FAMINE THERE HAS BEEN CAUSED BY TWO ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES, FIRST DROUGHT AND THEN TOO MUCH RAIN.

Conditions between Liushow and Wuchow are deplorable as hungry people are seen lying along the roadsides while others despicably walk along. No one pays any attention to those starving on the roads. They have become too common a sight.

Human life has become more than an asset to these people, who are more than willing to give their children away in the hopes that they can survive the famine with others who have more to offer than the parents themselves. Girls in their teens are being given in marriage.

During the war, Kwangsi was at its height, prosperous and gay, with Kwailin one of the brightest and gayest in all Free China. Liuchow was the big business centre. During the latter stage of the war, both these cities were laid in ruins by the invading Japanese. There is little hope as yet that there can be an early rehabilitation.

Wuchow Doctor

Conditions in Wuchow are slightly better than those other two cities and it stands an excellent chance of retaining its pre-war status as the richest and leading city in Kwangsi.

Both Kwailin and Liuchow were fortunate during the war

NEW P.W.D. DIRECTOR

Mr. Victor Kenniff, who is to be Hong Kong's new Director of Public Works, arrived in the Colony aboard H.M.S. Duke of York yesterday, accompanied by his wife.

Mr. Kenniff, who is an Australian, comes with a high reputation from Palestine. Previously, he served in Fiji and Cyprus.

H.M.S. Duke of York also brought back a number of Government employees, thirteen women, and several other well-known Hong Kong residents including Mr. M. M. Watson, the solicitor, Mr. W. M. Groves, of the Godown Company, Mr. H. R. Sturt, of China Underwriters, and Flight Lieutenant Lindeman, who is joining the Godown Company.

Other passengers were:

Mr. H. A. Angus, Mr. F. D. Augus, Mrs. C. Shewan, Mrs. Angus, Mr. A. Strange, Mr. S. H. Strange, Mr. E. L. Strange, Mr. F. A. Cheesman, Mr. L. A. Collyer, Mr. A. D. Speer, Mr. W. A. Hayward, Lt. R. B. Wood, Mr. L. O. N. Thompson, Mr. T. Anderson, Mr. A. Calman, Mr. H. R. Sturt, Mr. G. E. F. Thompson, Mr. F. Donaldson, Mrs. J. Halligan, Mrs. M. Williams, Miss V. Williams, Miss J. Reid and Miss Pepperell.

KILLEARN TO VISIT NANKING

"Fiction"

Singapore, May 28.

An official communiqué from the Headquarters in Saigon to-day described the reports of an attack by French troops on Siamese territory as "pure fiction."

It will be recalled that Lord Killearn, as Sir Miles Lampson, was Minister in China from 1926 to 193

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NAZI UNDERGROUND MOVE

Large-Scale Round-Up Has Salutary Effect

German Papers Disturbed

(By Lyford Moore, Reuters Correspondent.)

FRANKFURT, MAY 29.
THE RECENT ROUNDUP BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH
INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS OF HUNDREDS OF MEM-
BERS OF AN UNDERGROUND NAZI YOUTH MOVE-
MENT HAS PRODUCED ONE SALUTARY EFFECT IN
ADDITION TO RIDING THE ZONES OF A REAL
MENACE.

GERMANY, FOLLOWING CONTINUED EDITORIAL RE-
ACTION TO THE MASS ARRESTS, HAS BEEN SHOCKED
TO DISCOVER THAT DESTROYED AND SURREN-
DERED AS HER CITIES ARE, SUCH A MOVEMENT
CAN STILL FLOURISH IN THEM.

Thoughtful Germans see this newest subversive movement in relation to their first-hand knowledge of the origins of Nazism. Among these the raids will probably do more, than any number of military manœuvres to keep postwar Germany moving along the lines laid down at Potsdam.

Editorials have uniformly reflected alarm on the part of German editors who warn their readers that growth of such an organisation as that which Allied intelligence smashed would completely destroy any hope for the future of Germany as a member of the society of nations.

"The Marburger Presso," for example, considered the formation of the group "a sin against the people" and expressed fears that these irresponsible and criminal groups might push Germany into the abyss.

"If the discovered plans had had only a small degree of success, that would mean the end," it commented. "No power on earth would be ready to help such a perverted people to find itself a second time. If the plan had become reality, Germany's population would have ceased to be a people which would have any right to exist in the world."

Iran Under Strong Soviet Pressure

TEHERAN, May 29.
The belief that the Iranian Government "is under strong Russian pressure" and is "deliberately playing a two-handed diplomatic game to prevent everything we own from falling into Soviet hands" was expressed yesterday by a powerful Left Wing statesman whose election to parliament is predicted by all factions.

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AN ABSURD CHARGE

Teheran, May 29.
The report broadcast recently by the Tabriz Radio that British troops were still in Southern Iran was categorically denied by the Foreign Office today.

All British troops, it was stated, were withdrawn from Iran by March 2, 1946, the date by which they were due to be evacuated under the terms of the Tripartite Treaty of Alliance of 1942.

After the British evacuation of Iran, negotiations were opened for the use of a radio station for commercial purposes by Cable and Wireless. These negotiations are still proceeding.

Since they are of purely commercial character and could not contravene the provisions of the United Nations Charter, the suggestion made on more than one occasion by Tabriz Radio that British interference in Iran should be brought to the attention of the Security Council are not taken seriously by official quarters in London.—Reuter.

DANISH VISIT

London, May 28.
Members of the Danish press delegation, who are on a visit to Great Britain, were entertained by the British Government at luncheon today.

Mr. Hector McNeil, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, presided, and among those present were the Swedish Minister, representatives of the Free Danes Movement, the Foreign Office and the British Council.—Reuter.

ARAB REQUEST

Jerusalem, May 29.
The Arab Higher Committee tonight sent a memorandum to the High Commissioner of Palestine, General Sir Alan Cunningham, urging the immediate repatriation of all Arab political exiles and the release of all Arab political internees.—Reuter.



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Britain Still Waits On
Loan Approval

London, May 29.
Answering a number of questions about the Washington
loan agreement, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the
Exchequer, told the House of Commons today that it
would be premature to enter into any discussion with
holders of sterling balances until the loan agreement
had been approved by Congress.

The settlement of these would be a matter for negotiation
which could not now be anticipated.

When Mr. Robert Boothby,
Conservative, asked if he would
give a categorical assurance
that there was no understanding
of any kind between the
British and United States
Governments regarding the
settlement of these sterling
balances, whether of the
amount involved or the
methods to be used, Mr. Dalton
replied: "I have repeatedly
made it plain that until the loan
is granted these discussions will
not begin."

He said that the obligations
of the Government were set out
in article ten of the Anglo-
American financial agreement.
There was no other nor would
there be any additional
commitment or agreement.

Mr. Dalton said that article
six, sub-section one, of the
agreement would, of course be
observed and the British Govern-
ment had other resources in-
cluding balances and accruing
receipts out of which any com-
mitments to third parties
could be met.

The rate of interest on the
loan was not affected by the
object on which it was spent.

Mr. W. Fletcher, Conserva-
tive, asked: "Are we to under-
stand that discussions with
regard to sterling balances held
by India are not being carried
on while the British Ministers
are there?"

Mr. Dalton: "They have no
authority at all to discuss such
a question."—Reuter.

N.Y. SHARE
MARKET

New York, May 28.
N.Y. stocks today hit another
15-year average peak in the
broadest market on record. Buyers
lifted leading industrial, rail and
utility issues from fractions to
over three points. The volume
of business was the largest since
February.

Hopes that the coal controversy
would be settled within a matter
of hours was the principal in-
centive.

Transfers totalled 2,220,000
shares.

Dow Jones Averages \$79.31

30 Industrials 211.70

20 Railroads 63.76

15 Utilities 43.71

Adams Express 23% Alaska

Juneau 9, American Can 103%
American Smiling 69% Ameri-
can Telephone 198, American To-
bacco 99%, American Waterworks

27, Anaconda Copper 49, Avia-
tion Corporation 11%, Baldwin

34%, Barnsall 30%, Bendix

Aviation 62%, Bethlehem Steel

110%, Boeing 20%, Borden Co.

54%, Canadian Pacific 20%, J.I.

Case 51, Chrysler 133%, Colgate

53%, Commercial Solvents 29%,
Corn Products 63%, Dupont 219%,
Eastman Kodak 254, Electric

Light & Power 20%, General

Electric 48%, General Motors 75,

Goodrich 81%, Goodyear 72%,
Homestake Mining 46%, Inter-

national Harvester 100%, Inter-

national Paper 49%, International

Tel. & Tel. 20%, Johns Manville

150%, Kennebott Copper 69%,
Montgomery Ward 103%, Na-

tional Distillers 87%, National

Lead 30%, New York Central

R.R. 27%, Packard Motors 10%,
Pan American Airways 19%,
Pennsylvania R.R. 42, Radio Cor-

poration 16%, Real Silk 28, Re-

public Steel 39%, Reynolds To-

bacco 40, Schenley 83%, Sears

Roebuck 47%, Shell Oil 40%, So-

cony Vacuum 17%, Southern Paci-

fic 68%, Standard Brands 49%,
Standard Oil of Calif. 59, Stand-

ard Oil of New Jersey 76%, Stude-

baker 24%, Union Bag 20%, Union

Carbids 120, U.S. Rubber 78%,
U.S. Steel 90%, Westinghouse

35%, Youngstown Sheet & Tube

52%, Associated Press.

The bidding:

Schenkens You Maier Jacoby

1S Pass 1NT 2D

Pass 2H Pass 3D

Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid four diamonds.

Although your partner was not

strong enough to go to no-trump,

raise hearts, jump rebid diamonds,

or bid another suit, he must still

have a good hand for his vulnera-

ble overall. Your hand is good

enough for a second try for game.

Score 100 per cent for four dia-

monds, 40 per cent for five dia-

monds, 30 per cent for three

hearts, 20 per cent for pass.

Question:

Today you are Howard Schen-

ken's partner and, with both sides

vulnerable, you hold:

S Q J 5

H K J 7 3 2

D A Q 9

C 6 5

The bidding:

Jacoby Schenkens Maier You

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Tomorrow).

COTTON PRICES

New York, May 28.

N.Y. cotton futures rose quietly

today until the final hour, when

aggressive purchases boosted

prices to new high levels. How-

ever, there was considerable July

liquidation and switching to later

months.

May 28th closing prices:

July 27.08, October 28.20,

December 28.42 March 28.01, May

(1947) — July —, Middling Spot

28.60.

New Orleans — July 28.05, bld.

October 28.32, May 28.40,

December 28.42 March 28.01, May

(1947) — July —, Middling Spot

27.80.—Associated Press.

New York Foreign Exchanges:

May 28th closing prices:

T.T. on Montreal 0.00%, London

4.03%, Paris 84%, Buenos Aires

(free market) 24.02, Rio de

Janeiro (25%) 20.00, Amsterdam

(25%) 87.80, Brussels (25%)

87.00, Batavia (25%) 87.00,

Singapore 47.00, Bombay 30.35,

Hong Kong 25.00, Associated

Press.

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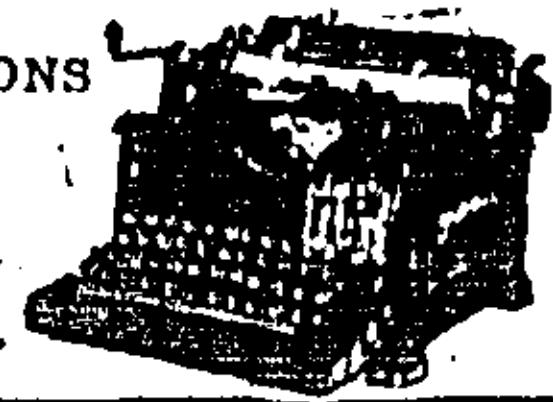
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IRON AND STEEL

London, May 29.
The House of Commons today voted 338 to 184 in favour of the Government motion asking for approval of plans to nationalize the British iron and steel industries. —Associated Press.

Pepper For President?

Washington, May 29.
Big unions are boiling with wrath against President Harry Truman's oblique hints that he might switch his support to either Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace or Senator Clyde Pepper for the Presidency of the United States.

General opinion on Capitol Hill, however, appears to be that it is too early yet to tell whether the administration's handling of the strike emergency has ended the 13-year old Labour-Democrat coalition.

While speculation mounted, three of the nation's most powerful labour organizations kept up heavy drum-fire of criticism against President Truman's strike proposals.

Congress of Industrial Organizations' President Philip Murray said "in a moment of wild hysteria, an attempt is being made to stampede through Congress legislation which has as its sole aim the destruction of the labour movement of this nation."

Earlier in the day, American Federation of Labourers' President William Green denounced President Truman's programme as advocating "slave labour under Fascism."

The CIO United Auto Workers also wired to Murray, urging that he take immediate steps for joint action by all organization leaders to defeat the proposals.

The National Farmer's Union assailed the programme as "naked, open Fascism," while the National Citizen's Political Action Committee also condemned it as "totalitarian." —Associated Press.

SAUCKEL'S STORY

Nuremberg, May 29.
Fritz Sauckel today blamed the German Military High Command for the mass recruitment of slave labour from the occupied east during his testimony before the Allied War Crimes Tribunal here.

The former Nazi labour boss sought to defend his position in the recruiting campaign by contending that the workers were treated well under his administration.

The defendant acknowledged he was aware of the Buchenwald concentration camp in the political district he managed, but he insisted it was a well-run, orderly and humane place when he inspected it. He said the camp was established by Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler. "I never had anything to do with that camp." —Associated Press.

More Barley, Less Beer

London, May 29.
A resolution asking for still further reduction in the brewing of beer so as to provide barley to meet the food situation came before the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland today.

The annual report of the committee on temperance asks ministers to do more than is present to encourage the provision of soft drinks at weddings, and states that the whole question of the use of alcoholic liquors at weddings call for serious consideration by the Church. —Reuter.

Arrogance Of German P.O.W.s.

Paris, May 29.
The news agency France Press reported today that several thousand former French war prisoners and other persons paraded along the Seine, protesting the arrogance of 60,000 German war prisoners working for the American Army in the area. —Reuter.

Britain Has Greatest Asset Of All

London, May 29.
The United States Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Averell Harriman, tonight paid this tribute to Britain: "Britain comes out of this war depleted in physical assets, but rich in human qualities—the greatest asset a nation can possess."

He was speaking at a dinner of the Pilgrims Society in the Savoy Hotel. This society has the object of fostering Anglo-American friendship and has a sister society in New York.

Himmler's No. 2 Captured

Hereford, Germany, May 29.
Lieutenant-General Oswald Pohl, second-in-command of the SS Troops and chief administrator of all Nazi concentration camps, has been arrested here by British special agents after a year-long search.

British authorities said that Pohl, who served as Himmler's chief-of-staff, was found working as a farm labourer under an assumed name.

It is expected he will be tried for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of concentration camp victims. —Associated Press.

FRANCO SPAIN

New York, May 28.
Brazil told the United Nations sub-Committee investigating the Franco regime that according to information from its Madrid Embassy no diplomatic mission in Spain has any evidence of the presence of war criminals in that country.

The note said that, according to the same source, that the Spanish army had only 450,000 men of which about 150,000 are stationed along the French Pyrenees frontier including Catalonia. —Associated Press.

Mr. Harriman declared, "I have confidence in Britain of future development of a full life for people on this small but great island—an important role that she will play in the development of a just world. Britain is strong, too, in its unique association with the Dominions and its forward-looking attitude towards the Empire."

He paid a tribute to Lord Halifax, noting British envoy to the United States, who, he said, had been a strong force in the development of unity during the war and of plans for the future. His forthright character had made a deep impression in the United States.

Mr. Harriman went on to say that the United States had its own problems of reconstruction and adjustment. "But out of the war there has come certain new concepts accepted by the majority of people, which will have a dynamic effect in shaping the post-war world. Of great importance is that they are determined that our affairs should be handled so that a high and sustained level of employment shall be maintained."

"The effect of full employment in the United States will mean tremendous production; this will have a far-reaching effect not only in raising the standard of living in the United States but, I believe, in all parts of the world."

"It is of supreme importance in connection with this objective of full employment that we realise that we cannot have

prosperity by isolationism. We cannot have prosperity unless there is expanding economy the world over." —Reuter.

SPORTS SECTION

India Beats M.C.C. By Innings, 194 Runs

London, May 29.
India beat the M.C.C. by an innings and 194 runs in the closing hours of the last day of their match at Lord's. India, who had the Englishmen on the run at the end of yesterday's play with three wickets down for 60 runs in their follow-on innings and still 239 runs behind clinched the game in little over an hour's play when it was resumed late at 4.15 in the afternoon, owing to more rain. Mankad took seven M.C.C. wickets for 37.

Felt was rolled over the wicket during the day to help it dry out for the conclusion of the game but steaming off under hot, brilliant sunshine which followed the downpour, it quickly proved as awkward for the batsmen as the day before.

Yardley (five not out) and Edrich (four not out) resumed for the M.C.C. against Armanath and Mankad. With only 11 runs added to the slim total, Yardley was out, caught off the bowling of Armanath for nine. Four wickets for 71.

Two runs later Edrich rejoined Yardley in the pavilion. He was caught off Mankad for 12. Five for 73.

With both Edrich and Yardley gone so quickly, the M.C.C. now had little hope of saving the game.

Bartlett and Valentine took the score to 91 when Bartlett was caught off Armanath for eight.

Four runs later the seventh wicket went when Mankad clean bowled Valentine for 15 with the total now 95.

Mankad promptly bowled the next man, Marsham, without further score. Eight for 95. Mankad went at 99, stumped from Mankad's bowling for another duck and the last wicket fell at 107 when Davies was caught off Armanath for eight.

Score: India—488; M.C.C.—189, and 105.

County Cricket

London, May 28.
Rain prevented play in several county cricket games in different parts of the country today.

Matches between Gloucester and Northamptonshire, and

G-MEN

Heidelberg, May 29.
Surrounding their quarry in G-men style, U.S. army troops killed a fugitive American soldier, wounded another and captured two more after a gun battle in a Bavarian village, Third Army Headquarters announced last night.

The four men were ahectes, armed with sub-machine guns and driving a stolen jeep. They fled to a hotel in Thalkirchdorf. —Associated Press.

DEATH RAYS

New York, May 29.
A report given by the chairman of the federation of atomic scientists, Mr. W. A. Higinbotham, today detailed the effects of one small drop of atomic poison gas in liquid form as follow:

It could endanger every person in a great industrial plant.

A combustion of this so-called gas could kill every person within a one-kilometre radius, not by chemical reaction but by radio-active rays from atomic fission products.

There are no important secrets about atomic poison gas.

The use of the death ray was predicted in a report to President Roosevelt by Dr. Leo Szilard whose death rays were neutrons.

These particles can not only kill a person but transmute chemicals of the human body into temporarily radio-active atoms that may cause death. The gas is emitted by great structures called piles which are used in the atomic process. Transporting a pile to enemy territory would be like moving an Egyptian pyramid. —Associated Press.

Continuance of the secret police campaign brings Poland closer to civil war, officials of the Polish Peasants' Party have warned. They were joined in that view recently by Karol Popiel, President of the Labour Party, which generally has stood by the Mikolajczyk organisation on most controversial issues.

Against Mikolajczyk and his friends are arrayed the Socialist, the Democratic Party and an independent organisation known simply as the Peasant Party, which has no connection with Mikolajczyk's Party.

All of the four latter parties favour a single election bloc for the general elections, under which the representation of political parties in the new, permanent Parliament would be agreed upon in advance. —Associated Press.

U.S. Baseball

New York, May 20.
Dick Sisler homered with the bases loaded, highlighting The St. Louis Cardinals' eighth-inning 12 to 2 in the National League. Score:

R. H. E.
St. Louis ... 12 14 0
Chicago ... 2 5 3

The Boston-Philadelphia game was postponed because of rain. The other two scheduled games are night affairs.

In the American League the Philadelphia-Boston game also was postponed due to rain while there were three night games to be played. —Associated Press.

Another Match

Osterley, May 20.
The one-day match here between the Indian tourists and an Indian Gymkhana team, did not start until noon, owing to rain the previous night and this morning.

Merchant, the Indian captain, put Gymkhana in to bat, and Raill was the first victim when he bowled Gula Mohamed for 14 with the total at 23. Esto was caught by Nimbalkar off Mankad for 12. Just before lunch, Doodhar was bowled by Nayudu for 8 and the score was 51 runs for three when lunch was taken.

Reuter.

Score: India—488; M.C.C.—189, and 105.

County Cricket

London, May 29.
A tote which pays out in

national savings certificates has been established for the benefit of soldier punters at an army racecourse in the British zone of Austria, says the British Control Commission for Germany.

Hitherto, soldiers have had difficulty in converting large sums of money won at army race meetings because they had been unable to certify that they had been obtained from the tote.

Now, if they wish, they may ask for the winnings in savings certificates or cards stamped with the appropriate amount. —The scheme is a boon to the men who find themselves with large amounts they can neither spend in Austria nor bring home when they come on leave. —Reuter.

CRAMPED

New York, May 20.
Lennart Strand, Sweden's 1,300 metre running champion, arrived here by air on Tuesday, paying the first thing he wanted to do was exercise his cramped legs in a workout in the Central Park.

Strand, who will compete in several miles races in the United States, said, "I will do the best I can but I do not think I can make any exceptional time."

He said he had little time to train in Sweden, where there is no indoor track season.

Strand will fly to the Pacific Coast on Wednesday to train for the Compton Junior College relay at Compton, California on June 7. —Associated Press.

Washington, May 29.

Walter Johnson, famous old-timer Washington American League baseball pitcher, is critically ill in the Georgetown Hospital of the Mayo Clinic. He suffered a heart attack

Washington, May 29.

Jaroslav Drobny and Josef Caska, the Czechoslovak Davis Cup players, defeated Yugoslavia's doubles team, Drago Mitic and Josip Palada, 10-8, 0-2, 0-4.

Yugoslavia holds a two-to-one

edge in the games. —Associated Press.

Washington, May 29.
The charity tennis exhibition match between the United States and Hong Kong has now been arranged to take place on the HKCC ground on Friday and Saturday.

The American Navy will be

represented.

Princeton, the New Jersey

University, and the

University of California

will be represented by the

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